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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 6730th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

Morning[1] . . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

Briefing by the Department of Political Affairs (DPA)

Haiti

Other matters

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6730th meeting.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

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United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

Delegations are reminded that *Friday, 9 March 2012* is the deadline to inform the Secretariat of their participation at the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be communicated, *in writing*, and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A).

The initial list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the High-level Plenary Meeting will be established by a drawing of lots. A special meeting for this purpose will be held toward the end of March 2012, at a time and venue to be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations*.

A detailed note, dated 31 January 2012, concerning the procedures to be followed for establishing the list of speakers for the plenary meetings was sent to the e-mail addresses of all permanent missions and delegations. For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September.

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/67/50.

A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10 a.m. . . . . 27th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 . . . . . [134]

Conditions of service: Judges (A/66/617 and A/66/709)

Introduction and general discussion

Safety and security: Programme criticality (A/66/680 and A/66/720)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Informal briefing on enterprise resource planning (ERP)/Umoja (by Mr. Choi Soon-hong, Assistant Secretary-General, Chief Information Technology Officer)

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 27th meeting of the Committee.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

2012 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Rooms 1 and E (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Rooms 1 and E (NLB)

Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/66/591, A/66/598, A/66/15, A/66/619 and A/66/619/Add.1) . . . . . [6]

[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee Members and observers on the Web site of the Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).]

[Members and observers of the Special Committee who will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C, fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

Executive meeting

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee

Working Group on Communications

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 14th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" . . . . . [3]

(b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men

(E/CN.6/2012/2, E/CN.6/2012/3, E/CN.6/2011/4, E/CN.6/2012/5, E/CN 6/2012/6, E/CN.6/2012/7, E/CN.6/2012/8, E/CN.6/2012/9, E/CN.6/2012/10, E/CN.6/2012/11, A/HRC/19/31–E/CN.6/2012/12, A/HRC/19/30–E/CN.6/2012/13, E/CN.6/2012/14, E/CN.6/2012/15, E/CN.6/2012/CRP.1, E/CN.6/2012/CRP.3, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/1, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/2, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/3, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/4, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/5, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/6, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/7, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/8, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/9, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/10, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/11, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/12, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/13, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/14, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/15, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/16, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/17, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/18, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/19, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/20, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/21, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/22, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/23, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/24, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/25, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/26, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/27, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/28, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/29, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/30, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/31, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/32, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/33, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/34, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/35, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/36, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/37, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/38, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/39, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/40, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/41, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/42, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/43, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/44, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/45, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/46, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/47, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/48, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/49, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/50, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/51, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/52, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/53, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/54, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/55, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/56, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/57, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/58, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/59, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/60, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/61, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/62, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/63, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/64, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/65, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/66, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/67, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/68, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/69, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/70, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/71, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/72, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/73 and E/CN.6/2012/NGO/74)

Panel 5: "Engaging young women and men, girls and boys, to advance gender equality"

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Informal consultations convened by the Vice-Chair, H.E. Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), on agreed conclusions under agenda item 3 (a) (i) (Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: priority theme: the empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges)

[Please *click here* for the draft list of participants of the fifty-sixth session of the Commission. Delegations are kindly requested to review the list and send any corrections to Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org).]

[Additional information on the work of the Commission, including on the participation of non-governmental organizations and the list of parallel events, can be found on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm>.]

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission
Informal consultations

To prepare for the upcoming substantive session of the Disarmament Commission, the Chair will hold informal consultations with the First Committee experts of the Asia-Pacific States Group, *today*, 6 March 2012, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS", convened by the delegation of Angola (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), will be held *today*, 6 March 2012, from 3 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Indigenous women: Key actors in poverty and hunger eradication", convened by the delegations of Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Ecuador, El Salvador and Mexico, will be held *today*, 6 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Global road safety crisis" (under agenda item 12) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C (NLB)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Criminal Court" (under agenda item 75) (with the States parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

4–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Permanent Mission of Japan (866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 230)

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 6 March 2012

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C (NLB)

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>.

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Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 7 March 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

The Preparatory Committee will hold its first round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document from Monday, 19 March, to Friday, 23 March 2012, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The zero draft of the outcome document is available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Delegations are also advised that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
One hundred and fourth session

The Human Rights Committee will hold its one hundred and fourth session from Monday, 12, to Friday, 30 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Sixth session

Liberia configuration

An informal meeting of the Liberia configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 7 March 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Informal meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold an interactive panel discussion on global governance, on Wednesday, 7 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia) and the interactive discussion will be moderated by the Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal. The panellists will be the Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Albert Chua; the Special Representative for Mexico's G-20 Presidency, Mr. Roberto Marino; and Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Professor of Professional Practice in International and Public Affairs, Columbia University. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Eric Olson, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail olsone@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0013).

Briefing

The Economic and Social Council will hold a briefing on the mandates, functions and activities of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), on Wednesday, 7 March 2012, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The briefing will be conducted by the President of INCB, Professor Hamid Ghodse, and will be chaired by the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Midori Kanda, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail kandam@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3268).

Special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will take place on Monday, 12, and Tuesday, 13 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), under the chairmanship of the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). The overall theme of the meeting will be "Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of financing for development".

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. *sharp*, on Monday, 12 March 2012. The Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, and the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, will deliver opening addresses, which will be followed by the statements by the heads of relevant intergovernmental bodies of the major institutional stakeholders.

There will be four consecutive informal thematic debates of the whole, as follows:

Thematic debate 1: Financing of sustainable development (Monday, 12 March 2012, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.);

Thematic debate 2: Promoting sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth, job creation, productive investment and trade (Monday, 12 March, from 3 to 6 p.m.);

Thematic debate 3: Promoting sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth, job creation, productive investment and trade (Tuesday, 13 March, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.); and

Thematic debate 4: Financing of sustainable development (Tuesday, 13 March, from 3 to 5.45 p.m.)

Members and observers of the Economic and Social Council and representatives of intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegation, to the Secretary of the Council (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; room IN-622), with a copy to the Financing for Development Office (e-mail ffdoffice@un.org; room DC2-2170).

It is emphasized that the nature of the meeting, including the four thematic debates, will be a free-flowing interactive discussion and would therefore have *no list of speakers in advance*. The time limit per intervention will be *three minutes*, but full texts of statements may be circulated in written form (300 copies will be required).

Additional information on the meeting is available on the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/ffd/ecosoc/springmeetings/2012/>.

Resumed organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies on Thursday, 26, and Friday, 27 April 2012. The agenda for the session is contained in document E/2012/2/Add.1*.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 6 April 2012*. Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma and Ms. Celia Syyap (e-mails sharma7@un.org and syyap@un.org).

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups.

A list of candidates for these elections, as well as supporting documentation, is available on Candiweb. The supporting documentation is also available at the following address: <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/docs/insessiondocs.asp>.

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Gender equality and empowerment of women in natural disaster", convened by the delegation of Japan, will be held as follows: Wednesday, 7 March 2012, from 10 to 11.15 a.m. in Conference Room A (NLB); and Thursday, 8 March, from 3 to 4.15 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS", convened by the delegation of Angola (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), will be held on Wednesday, 7 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB), and from 3 to 4.15 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Commission on Population and Development

Briefing

The Vice-Chair-designate of the Commission on Population and Development, Mr. William A. Awinador-Kanyirige (Ghana), on behalf of the Chair, will hold an informal briefing on the programme of work of the forty-fifth session of the Commission, on Wednesday, 21 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB). All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Forty-fifth session

The forty-fifth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 23, to Friday, 27 April 2012. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 23 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/CN.9/2012/2 and the proposed organization of work, in document E/CN.9/2012/L.1. Background information and official documents for the session may be found at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/population/cpd/cpd2012/cpd45.htm>.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 7 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Group of Friends of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (at the permanent representative level)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Informal briefing by the Director of Rule of Law Unit to the Asia-Pacific Group and the Eastern European Group (in preparation for the High-level Meeting on Rule of Law and on the contents of the draft report of the Secretary-General on the possible outcomes of the High-level Meeting) (organized by the Rule of Law Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Wednesday, 7 March 2012, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[The briefing is open to legal advisers and Second, Third and Sixth Committees' experts. For further information, please contact Ms. Lilibeth Benitez, Rule of Law Unit (e-mail benitez@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2935).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Women's Day (8 March)

Commemorative meeting on the theme "Empower rural women — End hunger and poverty" (followed by a panel discussion) (organized by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women))

Wednesday, 7 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[Opening remarks will be made by the Secretary-General. All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Patricia Cortés, UN-Women (e-mail patricia.cortes@unwomen.org; tel. 1 (646) 781-4532); or visit the following Web site: <www.unwomen.org/how-we-work/csw/csw-56/iwd/>.]

Panel discussion on "Change makers and peacekeepers — Journey towards equal representation of women" (co-organized by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the United States Mission)

Wednesday, 7 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Janaki Murthy, UN-Women (e-mail janaki.murthy@unwomen.org; tel. 1 (646) 781-4537).]

UNITAR workshop on "Elections to United Nations organs"

Thursday, 8 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 2 to 5.15 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[The workshop is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/event>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Arria Formula meeting between the Security Council and civil society on "Women's role in conflict mediation and resolution" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom)

Thursday, 8 March 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanne Stevens, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom (e-mail hanne.stevens@fco.gov.uk; tel. 1 (212) 745-9240).]

Working session on "Identification of sustainable urbanization options for cities based on the case study of the Municipality of Konya, Turkey" (organized by the Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization, in cooperation with the International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC), and sponsored by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))

Friday, 9 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UN-Habitat New York Office (e-mail HabitatNY@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4200).]

Informal briefing on "The G-20 Mexican presidency" (by high-level representatives of Mexico) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

Friday, 9 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Sara Luna, Permanent Mission of Mexico (e-mail sluna@sre.gob.mx; tel. 1 (212) 752-0220).]

Workshop on "The trade dimension of Rio+20: Key issues for the outcome document" (co-organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC))

Friday, 16 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[The workshop is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For registration and further information, please visit <www.unctad.org/greeneconomy/NYworkshop>; or contact Ms. Ena Sawh, New York Office of UNCTAD (e-mail trade.environment@unctad.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6893).]

High-level briefing on "Broadening the concept of peacekeeping: The contribution of civil society to unarmed protection of civilians" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Belgium, Benin, Costa Rica and the Philippines)

Friday, 23 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanna Choa-Yu, Permanent Mission of the Philippines (e-mail hannachoayu@hotmail.com).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Today, 6 March 2012; and

Thursday, 22 March 2012.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 3 to 4 p.m.)

Today, 6 March 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 8 March 2012; and

Tuesday, 27 March 2012.

Searching UNBISnet (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 13 March 2012.

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012; and

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered.

The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections31st.htm>;

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Kindly take note that all elections for the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, including those scheduled to take place in April 2012, are organized by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, not by OHCHR. All queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Celia Syyap, Economic and Social Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) (e-mail syyap@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0906).

Please note also that OHCHR is not responsible for the Human Rights Council elections. Queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Mary Muturi, General Assembly Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 5 March 2012

Security Council

6729th meeting

The situation in Somalia

Special report of the Secretary-General on Somalia (S/2012/74)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Australia, Brazil, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Luxembourg, Norway, Somalia, Sweden, Turkey and Uganda, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Augustine Mahiga, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Political Office for Somalia.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Mr. Thomas Mayr-Harting, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the Secretary-General.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Augustine Mahiga, via video teleconference from Mogadishu.

The Security Council adopted a statement by the President on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2012/4).

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, Colombia, France, Portugal, the Russian Federation, India, Morocco, Azerbaijan, the United States, China, Germany, Guatemala, Pakistan and Togo, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Somalia, Uganda, Kenya, Turkey and Brazil.

The Council heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Thomas Mayr-Harting (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries Turkey, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Iceland and Serbia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as the Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Georgia, which aligned themselves with his statement).

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Australia.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Ethiopia, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Japan, Luxembourg, Egypt, Italy, Denmark, Finland, Kazakhstan (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation), Sweden, Indonesia, Norway and Ethiopia.

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

26th meeting

Organization of work

The Chair made a statement.

The Chair referred to the list of documents (A/C.5/66/L.28) as the basis for the programme of work.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Chile (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States), the European Union (also on behalf of the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Iceland and Serbia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement), Australia (on behalf of the CANZ group (Australia, Canada and New Zealand)), Japan, Turkey, Peru and the United States.

The Committee then approved the programme of work for the first part of the resumed session, on the understanding that it would be adjusted by the Bureau in the course of the session, as required.

Joint Inspection Unit . . . . . [140]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chair of the Joint Inspection Unit, Mr. Mohamed Mounir Zahran, introduced the annual report of that Unit for 2011 and its programme of work for 2012 (A/66/34).

The Secretary of the High-level Committee on Programmes, Secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, introduced a note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2011 (A/66/684).

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the Russian Federation.

The Chair of the Joint Inspection Unit made concluding remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on that day, Monday, 5 March, in the afternoon, and would be coordinated by the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Ms. Mariam Saif Abdulla Al-Shamisi (United Arab Emirates).

Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services . . . . . [142]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on a proposal on the dissemination and distribution of audit reports (A/66/674).

Statements were made by the representative of Algeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United States and Israel.

The Chair made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be coordinated by Mr. Nicolas Weeks (Sweden).

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

12th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" . . . . . [3]

General discussion

The Commission continued its general discussion of the agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Iraq, the Bahamas, Costa Rica, Burundi, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Rwanda and Comoros.

Statements were also made by the observers for Viet Nam, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste, the Syrian Arab Republic, Libya, Nepal and Trinidad and Tobago.

A statement was also made by the observer for the Holy See.

The Chair of the Working Group on Discrimination against Women in Law and in Practice reported to the Commission on the activities of the Working Group.

The observers of the following intergovernmental organizations made statements: International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; Organization of American States; Sovereign Military Order of Malta; Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU); International Organization for Migration (IOM); League of Arab States; and African Union.

The representatives of the United Nations system organizations made statements: United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); International Labour Organization (ILO); Joint

United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS); United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD); and Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA).

The representative of the African women's regional organizations also made a statement.

Right of reply

The representative of Israel made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Chair made a statement.

13th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" . . . . . [3]

General discussion

The Commission continued and concluded its general discussion of the agenda item.

The representative of Haiti made a statement.

The representatives of the following non-governmental organizations made statements: Association of African Women for Research and Development; Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development; Asia Pacific Women's Watch/Asia Pacific Regional Caucus; International Council of Women; Non Governmental Organizations Coordinating Committee; RESO-femmes; Women's Consortium of Nigeria; Young Women's Caucus; European and North American Caucus; and Working Group on Girls.

Organization of work

The Chair made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Nagoya, 15 October 2010

Signature: Mexico (5 March 2012)

United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. Vienna, 20 December 1988

Notifications under articles 6, 7 and 17: Iceland (1 March 2012)[1]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Notifications under articles 16 and 18: Iceland (1 March 2012)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General Information

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H.E. Mr. Chitsaka Chipaziwa

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H.E. Mrs. Jane Chigiyal

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Albania
H.E. Mr. Ferit Hoxha

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